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SUBJECT: GREEK PUBLICATION "THREAT IN THE AEGEAN"

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE PAMPHLET, "THREAT IN THE AEGEAN," IS A SLICK BOOKLET PUBLISHED BY THE NON-GOVERNMENT "JOURNALISTS' UNION OF THE ATHENS DAILY NEWSPAPERS." IT SETS FORTH THE GREEK POSITIONS ON AEGEAN ISSUES AND TAKES ON THE TURKISH VIEW FRONTALLY. WE SUSPECT THAT DESPITE ITS UNOFFICIAL SPONSORSHIP THE GOG MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ITS PUBLICATION -- AND IT IS BEING HANDED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT. THUS, WE BECOME AWARE OF IT WHEN COPIES WERE GIVEN TO CODEL ADDABBO AT A GREEK PENTAGON BRIEFING. THE PAMPHLET DOES INCLUDE THE (REFTEL) QUOTED STATEMENT ("THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. THERE ARE ONLY TURKISH DESIGNS ON GREECE.") BOTH ON THE COVER AND IN THE TEXT. THOUGH UNABASHEDLY PROPAGANDISTIC IN TONE, IT MAKES NO REPEAT NO CLAIM THAT THE AEGEAN ISLANDS OF GOKCEADA AND BOZCADA BELONG TO GREECE. IN FACT, MAPS INCLUDED IN THE PAMPHLET CLEARLY SHOW THESE ISLANDS AS PART OF TURKEY.

3. THE OVERALL THEME OF THE PAMPHLET IS TURKEY'S ALLEGEDLY "EXPANSIONIST" DESIGNS ON THE AEGEAN. THE "HITLER" QUOTE READS AS FOLLOWS: "TURKISH CLAIMS OF BEING 'STIFLED' -- AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF 'NORMAL BREATHING' -- BY THE STATUS QUO IN THE AEGEAN, AND THE OTHER CLAIM THAT THE ISLANDS SHOULD BE REDISTRIBUTED FOR DEMOGRAPHIC REASONS, ARE VERY REMINISCENT OF HITLER'S DEMANDS FOR 'LEBENSRAUM' OR VITAL SPACE."

4. A COPY OF THE PAMPHLET IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY ANKARA AND TO EUR/SE. STEARNS  
END OF MESSAGE

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